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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 4, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 12-20 without prejudice to applicant's right to file a divisional application with respect thereto.

## **REMARKS**

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of January 4, 2002, Applicant hereby elect without traverse the Group I claims - that is, claims 1-11 and 21-29, drawn to a semiconductor device.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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